

# Why Do We Need the Light?

1900-1920

## The Early Years (1863-1900)

Appalachians were seen as poor, uneducated, and violent hillbillies. While the Appalachians see themselves as “true Americans.”

During this time, the Hatfield and McCoy feud was raging on. There were murders but they were mostly taking each other to court.



Anderson “Devil Anse” Hatfield was somewhere in between a traditional Appalachian and the new modern Appalachian.



The Moonlight  
Schoolhouse



## Morehead Normal School (1887-1922)

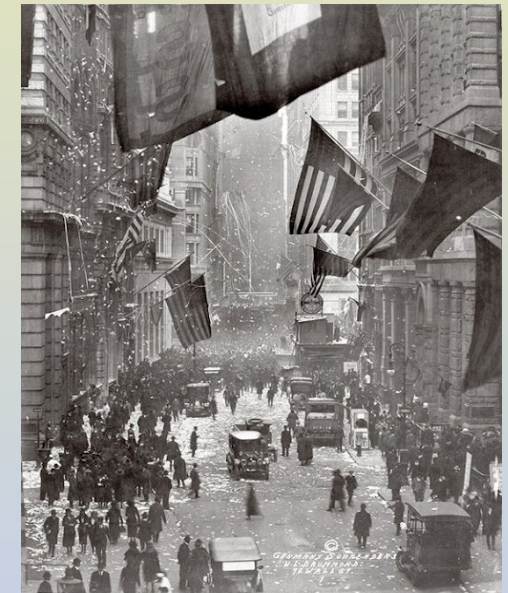
Frank and Phoebe Button came into town following the Rowan County feud, hoping to bring enlightenment to the region.

The Morehead Normal school became a potent factor in the regeneration of the community. It was a “Light into the Mountains.”

The Moonlight Movement in 1910 was started in Rowan County. The volunteer teachers would teach reading and writing at night to adults, but only on moonlit nights.

## WWI (1914-1918)

Sargent Alvin York served for the United States Army in the first World War. He’s from Appalachia and he was awarded with the Medal of Honor. Sargent Alvin York is the Appalachian we all hope they could be.



Celebration of Alvin York and  
Armistice Day  
New York City 1918

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